Entry of a Ship Carrying Thionyl Chloride into the Indian Ocean

2103. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT and FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item to the effect that a ship "Seacrest Poineer" carrying thionyl chloride has entered the Indian Ocean; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to prevent such cargo from entering either the Indian Ocean or any Indian ports from environment angle?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Thionyl chloride has many industrial uses such as the manufacture of pesticides, engineering plastics and as chlorinating agents and catalysts. It is a widely traded commodity whose import or export is not banned under any international agreement. The question of preventing the entry of Thionyl Chloride to Indian ports, therefore, does not arise.

2104. [*Cancelled.*]

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

Notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forests

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): Madam, I lay on the Table, under section 26 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Notification S.O. No. 408(E), dated the 6th June, 1989, publishing the Delegation of powers vested under section 5 of the said Act, to the Governments of West Bengal and Manipur. [Placed in Library. See No. LT— 8095/89.]

I. Report (for the period from 1st January, 1988 to 31st March, 1989) on the working and activities of the various banks and related papers.

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I (i) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Report on the working and activities of the State Bank of India for the period from 1st January, 1988 to 31st March, 1989, together with the Accounts and the Auditors' Report thereon under sub-section (4) of section 40 of the State Bank of India Act, 1955.

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(ii) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Reports on the working and activities of the following Banks for the period from 1st January, 1988 to 31st March, 1989, together with the Accounts and the Auditors' Report thereon, under sub-section (3) of section 43 of the State Bank of India (Subsidiary Banks) Act, 1959:—

(i) State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur

(ii) State Bank of Hyderabad

(iii) State Bank of Indore

(iv) State Bank of Mysore

(v) State Bank of Patiala

(vi) State Bank of Saurashtra

(vii) State Bank of Travancore

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